# Ferry Conservation District

## Other Accomplishments

Completed construction of two miles of riparian fencing, which excludes cattle from 160 acres of riparian area.

Assisted with the reseeding of 70 acres of pasture and 11.5 miles of skid trails.

Helped landowners install two off-stream stock-water developments.

Continued Conservation Education programs in public schools within the District.



Land owner and contractor seeding skid trails.

## 2008 Feature Accomplishment

### San Poil River Bank Stabilization

*Resource Challenge*
For a multitude of reasons, the San Poil River was not in proper functioning condition. In several locations, bank erosion was resulting in excessive sedimentation.
The sediment obstructed the channel, clogged spawning gravels, and contributed to low dissolved oxygen levels.



Bank stabilization project

*Project Summary and Results*
In cooperation with WDFW, Ferry Conservation District (FDC) staff designed large woody debris structures to protect the banks from heavy currents at high water. After these were installed, the banks were re-sloped, and the bank-toe was protected. Coupled with reseeding and revegetation, the banks have regained integrity. At least in these areas, FDC has significantly reduced sedimentation. The river is finding its way back into balance. The landowners are happy as well since the stabilized banks are protecting their land.

*Key Project Partners*
WA State Dept. of Ecology, WA State Conservation Commission, WA State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Ferry County Planning Dept., USDA NRCS, Landowners

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## More Work To Do

- Six streams in three different watersheds, plus Curlew Lake, are still on the state's List of Impaired Waters.

- As new residents move to the District, conservation needs and priorities continue to change.